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Viewing cable 08OSLO72, NORWAY STANDING ALONE AGAINST MISSILE DEFENSE

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Kevin M. Johnson, for reasons 1.4b and d

[11.](#) (C) Summary: Norway remains opposed to U.S. plans for missile defenses and was the only NATO ally to publicly express skepticism over these
Alone in NATO: Public Opposition to Missile Defense

[12.](#) (SBU) The Norwegian Defense Minister, Anne-Grete Strom-Erichsen, was the only Defense Minister to publicly oppose the U.S. plans for missil

[13.](#) (SBU) Missile defense has been a hot issue for the GON, primarily because of the Socialist Lefts (SV) presence in the governing coalition.

Isolation in NATO Awakens Opposition

[14.](#) (SBU) Opposition figures, long quiet on this issue, have seemingly been shocked by Norways isolation in NATO and were very critical of the
Possibility of Change?

[15.](#) (SBU) In comments after Vilnius Strom-Erichsen took pains to stress that the GONs position on missile defense would be re-evaluated before

[16.](#) (C) Despite a clear desire to keep its current objections, the GON realizes it will have a hard time defending its position if the issue sh
Comment: Seeking an Escape Hatch....?

[17.](#) (C) If the GON is not able to find any other allies on this issue in NATO (Germany is the main hope for support) PM Stoltenberg, not a strc
Broader Implications

[18.](#) (C) Ref A noted the need to counter negative trends in bilateral relations. Missile defense is a good place for us to continue to stress th
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